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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, between the title and the first paragraph, please insert --Field of the Invention--.

On page 1, between the first and second paragraphs, please insert --Background of the Invention--.

On page 2, between line 1 and line 2, please insert --Summary of the Invention--.

On page 2, lines 5 and 6, please replace this paragraph with --An aspect of the invention involves a method of continuous metering bulk material from a container with a rotary-vane feeder and a metering device following the rotary-vane feeder. A feed rate for the rotary vane is set, and a discharge rate of the metering device is adjusted to a value that is lower than the feed rate of the preceding rotary-vane feeder, so that return feed from the rotary-vane feeder to the container takes place.